(b) the production of cars in the country during the year 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03, separately, and the details of the export made during each year of the said period?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SUBODH MOHITE): (a) There has been a steady growth of automobile industry in India in recent years. The rate of growth of production in the automobile sector during the last five years has been 5.4% in 1998-99, 15.0% in 1999-2000 (-) 2% in 2000-2001, 11.70% in 2001-2002 and 18.60% in 2002-03. The industry has also performed well on the export front after the liberalization. The exports of Automobiles during the same period have grown @ (-) 16.63%, (-) 12.18%, 20.24%, 9.74% and 65.35% respectively. Industry has achieved a growth of 10.53% in production and 79.08% in exports during the first quarter of the current year.

(b) The production and export of cars during the last three years is as under:—

(in numbers)

Item	Year		
	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Production	513415	564052	606088
Export	22990	50088	70547

Monkey disease

*214. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the summer scourage of Malnad region in Karnataka, the Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD) or Monkey disease has claimed 10 lives and left 253 people ill;

(b) if so, the number of the affected people during the past three years;

(c) the steps taken by Government for prevention of this disease and amount spent so far during the past five years; and

(d) whether any special grant is proposed to be provided for eradication of this disease and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The Government of Karnataka has confirmed that Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD) or Monkey Disease has affected 283 persons and claimed 10 lives during this year. The number of people affected due to KFD in the State during the last three years is 440.

During the last five years, the State Government has spent an amount of Rs. 2.73 crores for tackling this disease.

The steps taken by the State Government for prevention of the disease are as follows:—

- Immunization of the at-risk population with KFD vaccine;
- Viral diagnosis laboratories at Shimoga and three field stations at Sagar, Honnavar and Belthangadi have been established to diagnose and monitor the surveillance activities of KFD;
- Temporary clinics have been set up to treat cases as out patient and also to give emergency treatment. Ambulance services have been provided to shift serious cases to nearby major hospitals;
- Enough beds and medicines have been made available in the General Hospitals of affected districts;
- Mylol Lotion has been distributed to the people who enter the forest;
- Insecticides spraying has been done in the area upto a radius of 50 metres at the spot of monkey deaths;
- Health edcuation has been given by distributing hand bills; and
- Disease Surveillance is being done regularly.

No proposal has been received from the State Government of Karnataka in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India for providing grants for the eradication of the disease.